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AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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*Stubbslee Hall,  
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Stubblye Hall,

BACUP,

Lancashire,

September, 1908.

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In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1908.

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Thirty-three were demolished, and it may be significant that a cleared area in Braithwaite Road, Braithwaite, is to be re-developed for suitable new housing purposes.

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I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. NELSON PICKLES

Medical Officer of Health

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of the Borough of Bacup

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Thirty-three dwellings were demolished, and it may be significant that a cleared area in Brandwood Road, Stacksteads, is to be re-developed for suitable new housing purposes.

The improvement of sub-standard houses also continued, and 64 Improvement Grants were allowed during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES

Medical Officer of Health





## SECTION I

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for the mid-year 1968 is 16,330, and the vital statistics in the report are based on this figure.

#### Births

The adjusted Birth Rate, i.e., the figure arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of the district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 18.2 per 1,000 population (the figure is 16.9 for England and Wales).

The adjusted Death Rate is 14.4 compared with 11.9 for England and Wales.

## SECTION II

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Other than cases of Tuberculosis, the notification of infectious diseases for 1968 were limited to the following:-

|                    |      |   |
|--------------------|------|---|
| Measles            | .... | 7 |
| Whooping Cough     |      | 1 |
| Dysentery          | .... | 1 |
| Infective Jaundice |      | 4 |

## SECTION III

### GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

The provisions of Local Health Authority Services are the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Health Committee No. 13, on which this Council is represented.





# APPENDIX A

## VITAL STATISTICS AND CAUSES OF DEATH

TABLE I

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS - 1968

|                                   |     |     |     |     |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Area (Acres)                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,121    |
| Population (Estimated mid 1968)   |     |     | ... | ... | 16,330   |
| Population (Census 1961)          | ... |     | ... | ... | 17,295   |
| Number of Inhabited Houses (1931) |     |     | ... | ... | 5,964    |
| Number of Inhabited Houses (1968) |     |     | ... | ... | 6,104    |
| Rateable Value                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | £368,148 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate   |     |     | ... | ... | £1,365   |

|              | Male | Female | Total |                        |
|--------------|------|--------|-------|------------------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS  |      |        |       |                        |
| Legitimate   | 129  | 125    | 254   |                        |
| Illegitimate | 15   | 12     | 27    | Birth Rate (Crude) per |
|              | —    | —      | —     | 1,000 estimated        |
|              | 144  | 137    | 281   | population ... 17.2    |
|              | —    | —      | —     | (15.8)                 |
| STILLBIRTHS  |      |        |       |                        |
|              | -    | 1      | 1     | Rate per 1,000 total   |
|              |      |        |       | live and stillbirths   |
|              |      |        |       | ... 4 (19)             |
| DEATHS       |      |        |       |                        |
|              | 125  | 91     | 216   | Death Rate (Crude) per |
|              |      |        |       | 1,000 estimated        |
|              |      |        |       | population ... 13.2    |
|              |      |        |       | (11.8)                 |

### DEATHS FROM MATERNAL CAUSES

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion | - |
| Maternal Mortality Rate                        | - |

### INFANT MORTALITY

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Deaths of infants under one year of age:-             |          |
| All infants per 1,000 live births                     | 4.0 (23) |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births   | 3.93     |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births | 0.0      |

### DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED DISEASES

|                            | Deaths | Rate per 1,000<br>of population |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Cardio-vascular Diseases   | 91     | 5.57                            |
| Cancer                     | 38     | 2.3                             |
| Tuberculosis               | 1      | 0.06                            |
| Bronchitis                 | 14     | 0.85                            |
| Other Respiratory Diseases | 4      | 0.24                            |

NOTE: Figures in parentheses refer to the year 1967.



TABLE II

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN  
FOR THE YEAR 1968

CAUSES OF DEATH

| GROUP CAUSES OF DEATH                  | MALES | FEMALES | TOTAL |
|--|-------|---------|-------|
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System     | 1     | -       | 1     |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach           | 2     | 2       | 4     |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Lung and Bronchus | 8     | 2       | 10    |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Breast            | -     | 4       | 4     |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus            | -     | 1       | 1     |
| Leukaemia                              | 1     | 2       | 3     |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms etc.         | 9     | 8       | 17    |
| Diabetes Mellitus                      | 1     | -       | 1     |
| Other Endocrine etc. Diseases          | -     | 1       | 1     |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.  | 1     | 2       | 3     |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease        | 2     | 1       | 3     |
| Hypertensive Disease                   | 3     | 2       | 5     |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease                | 51    | 24      | 75    |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease           | 2     | 6       | 8     |
| Cerebrovascular Disease                | 9     | 14      | 23    |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System   | 6     | 3       | 9     |
| Pneumonia                              | 2     | 6       | 8     |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema               | 10    | 4       | 14    |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System   | 3     | 1       | 4     |
| Peptic Ulcer                           | 1     | -       | 1     |
| Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia      | 2     | 1       | 3     |
| Cirrhosis of Liver                     | -     | 1       | 1     |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System     | 2     | -       | 2     |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis                | 3     | -       | 3     |
| Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality    | -     | 1       | 1     |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                | 1     | 3       | 4     |
| All other Accidents                    | 2     | 2       | 4     |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries    | 3     | -       | 3     |
|  | 125   | 91      | 216   |





TABLE III

INFANTILE MORTALITY - 1968

| Cause of death     | Under<br>1<br>month | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total<br>under<br>1 yr. |
|--------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-------------------------|
| Cerebral<br>Anoxia | 1                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | 1                       |
|                    | 1                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | 1                       |

TABLE IV

## NEO NATAL MORTALITY - 1968

| Cause of<br>Death  | Under<br>1<br>day | 1<br>day | 2<br>days | 3<br>days | 4<br>days | 5<br>days | 6<br>days | 7 to<br>13<br>days | 13 to<br>20<br>days | 21 to<br>25<br>days | Total |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Cerebral<br>Anoxia | 1                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |                    |                     |                     | 1     |
|                    | 1                 |          |           |           |           |           |           |                    |                     |                     | 1     |





TABLE V

BACUP M.B. VITAL STATISTICS

MEAN RATES FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS

| MEAN OF<br>5 YEARS | PER 1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION |                     |  |                           |                          | MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE                      |   | INFANT MORTALITY RATE    |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|--|
|                    | Live<br>Birth-Rate                | Crude<br>Death Rate | Death Rate from<br>Tuberculosis of<br>Respiratory System | Death Rate<br>from Cancer | Per 1,000<br>live births | Per 1,000<br>total (live<br>and stillbirths) | Rate of deaths<br>under one year per<br>1,000 live births |                          |  |
|                    |                                   |                     |  |                           |                          |  | Bacup   | Administrative<br>County |  |
| 1915-1919          | 14.4                              | 16.9                | 0.79   | 1.11                      | 6.32                     | -  | 109   | 89                       |  |
| 1920-1924          | 19.2                              | 14.2                | 0.69   | 1.02                      | 4.34                     | -  | 84  | 70                       |  |
| 1925-1929          | 15.7                              | 16.1                | 0.61   | 1.27                      | 6.74                     | -  | 88  | 66                       |  |
| 1930-1934          | 14.6                              | 14.2                | 0.56   | 1.15                      | 3.87                     | 3.70   | 61  | 61                       |  |
| 1935-1939          | 13.2                              | 15.5                | 0.64   | 1.91                      | 6.12                     | 5.74   | 61  | 52                       |  |
| 1940-1944          | 14.9                              | 14.8                | 0.46   | 1.93                      | 2.24                     | 2.15   | 46  | 46                       |  |
| 1945-1949          | 18.6                              | 14.1                | 0.40   | 1.70                      | 2.41                     | 2.34   | 45  | 41                       |  |
| 1950-1954          | 16.18                             | 14.98               | 0.16   | 2.28                      | 1.44                     | 1.41   | 30  | 32                       |  |
| 1955-1959          | 16.9                              | 14.2                | 0.12   | 1.95                      | 1.21                     | 1.23   | 22.3  | 23                       |  |
| 1960-1964          | 17.18                             | 14.32               | 0.036  | 2.11                      | 1.39                     | 1.36   | 28.14   | 14.6                     |  |
| Year 1965          | 18.1                              | 15.8                | 0.06   | 2.75                      | 3.29                     | 3.22   | 29.6  | 19.8                     |  |
| Year 1966          | 16.4                              | 15.2                | -  | 2.11                      | -                        | -  | 40.3  | 19.9                     |  |
| Year 1967          | 15.8                              | 11.8                | 0.06   | 1.46                      | -                        | -  | 23  | 20.0                     |  |
| Year 1968          | 17.2                              | 13.2                | 0.06   | 2.39                      | -                        | -  | 4   | 19.4                     |  |



## APPENDIX B

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

TABLE VI

Cases notified and deaths from Tuberculosis during 1968

|             | New Cases |   |               |   | Deaths    |      |               |      |
|-------------|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|------|---------------|------|
|             | Pulmonary |   | Non-Pulmonary |   | Pulmonary |      | Non-Pulmonary |      |
|             | M         | F | M             | F | M         | F    | M             | F    |
| 0 - 1       | -         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | -    |
| 1 - 5       | -         | - | -             | - | -         | 1.00 | 1.00          | -    |
| 5 - 10      | -         | - | -             | - | -         | 1.00 | 1.00          | -    |
| 10 - 15     | 3         | - | -             | - | 1.00      | -    | -             | 1.00 |
| 15 - 20     | -         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | -    |
| 20 - 25     | 1         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | -    |
| 25 - 35     | -         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | 1.00 |
| 35 - 45     | -         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | 1.00 |
| 45 - 55     | -         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | -    |
| 55 - 65     | 1         | - | -             | - | -         | -    | -             | -    |
| 65 and over | 1         | - | -             | - | 1         | -    | -             | -    |
|             | 6         | - | -             | - | 1         | -    | -             | -    |
|             | 6         |   | -             |   | 1         |      | -             |      |





TABLE VII  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Excluding Tuberculosis)

|                            | NO. OF CASES NOTIFIED         |                      |         |         |         |         |          |           |           |           |           |           |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
|                            | Total<br>Cases<br>all<br>ages | AGE PERIODS - YEARS  |         |         |         |         |          |           |           |           |           |           |                   |
|                            |                               | Un <sup>r</sup><br>1 | 1-<br>2 | 2-<br>3 | 3-<br>4 | 4-<br>5 | 5-<br>10 | 10-<br>15 | 15-<br>20 | 20-<br>35 | 35-<br>45 | 45-<br>65 | 65<br>and<br>over |
| Smallpox                   | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Scarlet Fever              | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Diphtheria                 | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Enteric Fever              | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Paratyphoid<br>Fever       | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Measles                    | 7                             | 1                    | 1       | 1       | -       | -       | 4        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Whooping Cough             | 1                             | -                    | 1       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Acute Pneumonia            | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia          | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Meningococcol<br>Infection | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Acute<br>Poliomyelitis     | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Acute<br>Encephalitis      | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Dysentery                  | 1                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | 1        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Ophthalmia                 | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Erysipelas                 | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Malaria                    | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Food Poisoning             | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Gastro Enteritis           | -                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
| Infective<br>Jaundice      | 4                             | -                    | -       | -       | -       | -       | 1        | 2         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |
|                            | 13                            | 1                    | 2       | 1       | -       | -       | 6        | 2         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -                 |



## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

|                   |                  |   |                |
|-------------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| <u>Chiropody:</u> | School Chiropody | - | Direct Service |
|                   | Special Cases    | - | Direct Service |

Divisional Health Staff - Bacup Area

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Lancashire.

September, 1969.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses  
of the Borough of Bacup

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the report on the work of the Health Department during the year 1968.

Housing and Slum Clearance Schemes again took much time in the department, but some results are now beginning to be shown in the town, and it should be now clear to everyone concerned that the large scheme undertaken in Market Street and Plantation Street should in the near future be completed.

The Underbank Scheme of redevelopment has also now been completed, and it is clear that this scheme has been very successful and will continue to be a scheme of which Bacup may be justly proud.

The scheme for the demolition of properties which were almost derelict in Glen Street has also been very largely now completed, and although perhaps only small in size, has achieved a considerable improvement of this previously almost derelict site.

The demolition of properties in Allendale Terrace, Rochdale Road, Bacup, was also completed, and this again has led to better visibility on a main road site, and has improved this particular area.

The scheme for the redevelopment of the Brandwood Road area is also proceeding, and the demolition of properties in Britannia and Wall Street areas has already taken place, and suitable site treatment is under consideration. Further schemes have already been considered by the Council, and action has been taken in respect of areas in Lanehead Lane, Newchurch Road at Stacksteads, Albion Street and Todmorden Road, Heyworth Street, and a large scheme has already been agreed for the demolition of properties in Newchurch Road and Bowker Street which will again considerably affect main roads and the general appearance of the various areas.

Much still remains to be done with regard to the improvement of the environmental conditions appertaining within the town, but I am sure that considerable progress has been made in the past few years, and it is hoped that this can be maintained in order to secure satisfactory urban renewal.

May I express my thanks to the members of the Committee for their continued support, and also express my appreciation for the co-operation of the other senior officers of the Council and members of the Health Department throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

R. HAWORTH

Chief Public Health Inspector



## SECTION IV

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

#### Social Conditions:

Chief Occupations: The shoe and slipper trade provides the chief industry in the town, and there is also an extensive stone quarry within the district, and the combining of materials has also provided an additional industry which is growing.

There is some light engineering, and manufacture of electrical equipment, which gives employment to a number of people in the district, and in addition there are a number of mills which manufacture felted materials.

The Council are making every effort to attract new industries, and extensions to new works are anticipated.

The country is hilly, and there are many scattered hillfarms with small dairy herds.

#### (A) SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA

##### Water Supply:

The water supplied to the Borough of Bacup by the Bolton Corporation Water Undertaking was satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.

Normally, samples of both raw and filtered water are regularly subjected to full bacteriological and chemical analysis. Special analyses are made as circumstances require.

During 1968, 153 samples of raw water taken from Cowpe and Sheephouse Pressure Filters were subjected to bacteriological examination and partial chemical analysis. In addition, 214 samples of filtered and treated water, including 58 samples taken from the distribution system, received bacteriological examination and part chemical analysis. The results showed that the filtered and treated water was of excellent quality, B. Coli being absent in 99.06% of the potable water samples tested. All water is treated before passing into supply.

From tests made, the water was shown to have no significant plumbo-solvent action. No special action was required to be taken in respect of any form of contamination. The average natural fluoride content of the water supplied to Bacup is 0.15 p.p.m.

The public water mains afford a direct supply to a population of 16,000 living in Bacup. No supply was afforded to dwellings by standpipe.

The following extensions and renewals of water mains were carried out in 1968.

| <u>Size of Main</u> | <u>Existing Property</u> | <u>New Houses</u> | <u>Renewals</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2"                  | 59 yds.                  | 189 yds.          | -               |
| 3"                  | 234 yds.                 | 156 yds.          | -               |
| 4"                  | -                        | 37 yds.           | -               |





### Rivers and Streams:

The Mersey River Board is the controlling authority for the main river in the Borough, and the Local Authority is responsible for the streams and the portion of the Irwell which joins on to the main river.

The River Irwell is used in connection with the local industries and widely used for trade effluents.

### Public Cleansing:

The household refuse collection is maintained on a weekly basis from all houses in the town, and approximately 7,000 dustbins are emptied weekly by the three freighters each manned by a driver and four loaders.

Special facilities are also afforded by the Council in respect of bulky articles of household furniture and ancillary domestic articles and these are collected free on request.

Additional facilities are also made available to the public to dispose of their own domestic articles of a bulky nature on the Council's Tip at Blackwood, where refuse disposal is carried out by controlled tipping, and the Council have in operation a salvage scheme.

Street cleansing is carried out under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, and gully emptying is done by modern mechanical means.

### Closet Accommodation:

The closet accommodation in the Borough consists mainly of fresh water closets, there being approximately 4,792 of these, and gradual abolition of the waste water closets is encouraged by the grants made by the Health Committee in respect of conversions. Details of the closets other than fresh water closets are given in Table IX, Appendix C.

Many of the back-to-back houses have joint W.C. accommodation, and this type of house would be greatly improved if separate indoor sanitary accommodation could be provided.

### Eradication of Bed Bugs:

In the very rare cases which are hardly ever found, Hydrogen Cyanide is used in connection with the disinfection of household goods when transfers are made from infested property to Council houses. Other cases are treated with D.D.T. solutions and sprays, and fumigations with Lindane and Dieldrin. Some Pyrethrum Powders are also used.

### Atmospheric Pollution:

The problem of domestic smoke remains one which needs attention, and the Council have given some consideration to this matter, and it has been decided that a scheme for the making of Smoke Control Areas be prepared and submitted. Work in connection with this is at the moment in its initial stages, but a scheme will ultimately be submitted to the Council for consideration. The clearance of unfit houses, however, is still receiving first priority in order to remove the black spots in the town.

Local industrialists still appear to favour oil-fired furnaces, and conversions to this fuel have taken place, in several installations during 1968.



### Rodent Control:

This work is carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Council's sewers were continuously treated throughout the twelve month period with Fluoracetamide.

In addition to this, 43 business premises, 85 dwellinghouses and 15 local authority properties which were infested, were treated.

### Swimming Baths:

The Council own and administer the Public Baths which are situated in the centre of the town, and modern facilities are available with continuous filtration and chlorination plant installed which gives excellent facilities from a public health point of view, and the facilities are widely used by the public.

The Sauna Bath has continued to be popular. This is one of the most modern amenities which the Council have provided, and the facility is being widely used.

### Factories:

The sanitary accommodation in most of the factories within the district is reasonable in standard, but complaints are dealt with as the necessity arises.

Table X, Appendix C, gives a summary of the inspections made and details of the results.

### Sanitary Inspection of the Area:

Experience throughout the year has again shown that a large number of the dwellinghouse properties in the town which are not to be demolished are very quickly becoming almost wholly owner/occupied.

It appears from inspections made that the high cost of repairs to dwellinghouses is rapidly affecting the position with regard to the private ownership of houses which are to let, as the few owners of tenanted houses which are left in the town still complain that investment in properties to let proves uneconomic.

A statement in Table VIII, Appendix (C) shows the number and nature of the inspections made.

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### (B) HOUSING

The hilly nature of the district has led in the past to the building of many back-to-back, back-to-land and basement dwellings, and the prevalence of such a large proportion of these types of houses, which today cannot, generally speaking, be regarded as of a satisfactory standard, still remains a problem to be solved. This matter requires constant attention, and whilst every endeavour is made to keep the old houses weatherproof and in a reasonable state of





repair, the work done is often not sufficient to render the old houses in all respects fit for habitation. In addition, the lack of amenities in numerous back-to-back houses remains a matter with which the department is seriously concerned, and in this regard every opportunity must be taken to encourage these amenities to be improved wherever possible.

Representation was made with regard to houses in the Newchurch Road and Bowker Street area which is a particularly difficult area to deal with, having regard to the nature and contour of the land upon which the properties are built, and whilst this type of scheme proves costly, it is essential that this work proceed if the general amenity and appearance of the town is to be improved.

The Council's programme of new house building saw the completion of the Underbank scheme, and it is now clear that this scheme has proved very successful and provides dwelling accommodation near to the town centre in a desirable position. The accommodation at Underbank House is greatly appreciated by the residents, and the services of the warden added to the excellent accommodation are together providing a highly satisfactory combination for the senior citizens of Bacup.

It is also pleasing to note that the planning permissions for private development mentioned in the report for 1967 have led to considerably increased activity in schemes for private dwellinghouses, and some 30 dwellinghouses were completed during 1968.

During the year, schemes of slum clearance were considered by the Council in respect of Clearance Areas in Rochdale Road and Wall Street, Bacup, Newchurch Road and Bowker Street, Bacup, Rochdale Road, Britannia, and two further areas in Blackwood Road at Stacksteads, and the schemes were accepted in these areas in each case. Some of these have already been largely dealt with, and demolition of properties has taken place in Wall Street and the Britannia area.

The Market Street-Plantation Street scheme has continued, and the work of erecting retaining walls and the carrying out of some landscaping is in hand and is proceeding, and should be completed at a very early date.

Overcrowding within the Borough does not appear to arise on any large scale, and incidents of this only appear to happen where there are large families, and only isolated cases come to the attention of the department.

Table XI, Appendix C, gives details of the new houses provided, and also the action taken with regard to unfit dwellinghouses.

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### (C) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

#### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act:

Routine visits were made to premises requiring inspection under this Act, and all the registered premises within the town have now received a visit and inspection, and all the contraventions found have in general received the attention of the owners.

The general standards found on inspections under this Act are fairly good, and the co-operation received from all the shopkeepers has been very satisfactory.



### Milk Supply:

The responsibility for the supervision of farms and the production of milk having passed to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the main duty of the Local Authority was in connection with the distributors of milk and the registration of milk distributors, dairies or milk shops.

During 1968 only one case occurred where Brucellosis was found in the milk supply, and appropriate action was immediately taken and the offending animals were removed from the herd.

The farmer concerned was again very co-operative, and immediately engaged professional veterinary services, and a satisfactory result was quickly achieved.

### Food Hygiene:

Routine visits were made during the year to the premises in the Borough where ice cream is sold by retail only.

The bulk of the ice cream which is sold in the town is manufactured by persons who have premises outside the Borough, and little difficulty was experienced with this commodity. Much of the ice cream is now pre-packed.

Details of the food condemned and surrendered are given in Table XIII, Appendix C.

### Slaughterhouses:

The Local Authority granted renewal of licences in respect of three slaughterhouses within the Borough during 1968.

### Meat Inspection:

The operation of the three slaughterhouses above-mentioned was kept under strict supervision, and all the animals slaughtered there were inspected in accordance with the instructions of the Health Committee, who direct that at all times 100% inspection be carried out. Every endeavour, therefore, has been made to do this, and details of the animals slaughtered and meat condemned will be found in Table XIV.

New regulations with regard to hygiene in slaughterhouses were also enforced, and wiping cloths are no longer to be used in these premises.

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### (D) GENERAL

#### Petroleum Acts and Carbide of Calcium Order:

The licensing of petroleum stores is a duty carried out by the Health Committee, and 43 licences are at present in operation for the storage of petroleum spirit and mixture.

#### Hackney Carriages and Driving Licences:

During the year 2 Hackney Carriage Licences were issued and 3 Licences to drive Hackney Carriages.

#### Old Metal Dealers:

One licence was issued in respect of dealers in old metal.





# APPENDIX C

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### SANITARY INSPECTION

TABLE VIII

#### (1) INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES:

|   |     |     |     |     |       |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Total houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Acts | ... | ... | ... | ... | 425   |
| Total number of inspections made                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,008 |
| Defects found   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 143   |
| Defects remedied  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 176   |
| Notices served (Preliminary)                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 66    |
| Re-inspections re. notices served                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 245   |
| Visits to houses re Closing Orders                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7     |
| Visits to houses re Clearance Areas                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 310   |
| Visits to houses re Demolition of Clearance Areas           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 105   |

#### (2) PREMISES CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS:

|                  |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Offensive Trades | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| Markets          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |

#### (3) FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES:

|                                    |     |     |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Factories                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3  |
| Business Premises (Rodent Control) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |

#### (4) MISCELLANEOUS:

|   |     |     |     |     |       |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Rats and mice destruction                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 172   |
| Drainage  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 203   |
| Food Inspections                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28    |
| Petroleum Stores visited                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90    |
| Public Mortuary                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5     |
| Public Sanitary Conveniences                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82    |
| Visits re conversion to closets                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     |
| Disinfestation visits                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52    |
| Interviews with owners                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 515   |
| Cleansing visits                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,319 |
| Complaints investigated                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 320   |
| Hackney Carriages                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     |
| Visits re Slaughterhouses                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 252   |
| Visits re Slaughtermen's Licences               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14    |
| Slaughterhouse Licences                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     |
| Visits re Slaughterhouse Regulations            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16    |
| Visits re Improvement Grants                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 338   |
| Pet Animals Act                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
| Visits re National Assistance Act               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26    |
| Animal Waste Food Order                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     |
| Infectious Disease visits                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2     |
| Visits re Milk & Dairies Regulations            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20    |
| Miscellaneous Visits                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 729   |
| Visits re Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51    |
| Visits re Abandoned Motor Vehicles              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 79    |
| Visits re Noise Abatement                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
| Visits re Smoke Abatement                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     |
| Visits re Food Hygiene Regulations              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76    |



TABLE IX  
CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

| Type of Closet  | Number in<br>1966 | Number in<br>1967 | Abolished<br>or<br>Converted<br>1968 | Number<br>at<br>end of<br>1968 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pail Closets  | 100               | 99                | 1                                    | 98                             |
| Waste Water Closets   | 226               | 218               | 11                                   | 207                            |
| Privy Middens   | 3                 | 3                 | -                                    | 3                              |
| Total number of closets<br>excluding fresh water<br>closets | 329               | 320               | 12                                   | 308                            |

TABLE X  
FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health

| Premises  | Number<br>on<br>Register | NUMBER      |                    |                         |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                          | Inspections | Written<br>Notices | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted |
| (1) Factories in which<br>Sections 1, 2, 3, 4,<br>and 6 can be enforced<br>by Local Authorities                       | 23                       | 2           | 1                  | 0                       |
| (2) Factories not included<br>in (1) in which Section<br>7 is enforced by the<br>Local Authority                      | 98                       | 3           | 0                  | 0                       |
| (3) Other premises in which<br>Section 7 is enforced<br>by the Local Authority<br>(excluding outworkers'<br>premises) | 1                        | 4           | 0                  | 0                       |
| Total   | 122                      | 9           | 1                  | 0                       |





2. Cases in which defects were found

| Particulars                       | NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND |          |                      |                      |              |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
|                                   | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred             |                      | Prosecutions |
|                                   |   |          | To H.M.<br>Inspector | By H.M.<br>Inspector |              |
| Want of cleanliness               | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Overcrowding                      | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Unreasonable temperature          | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Inadequate ventilation            | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Ineffective drainage<br>of floors | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Sanitary conveniences:            |   |          |                      |                      |              |
| (a) Insufficient                  | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective    | 1   | 1        | -                    | 1                    | -            |
| (c) Not separate for<br>sexes     | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Other offences against<br>the Act | -   | -        | -                    | -                    | -            |
| Total                             | 1   | 1        | -                    | 1                    | -            |

3. Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

| Nature<br>of<br>Work                     | Section 133   |   |  | Section 134  |                   |                   |
|--|---|---|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | No. of<br>outworkers<br>in August<br>list<br>required<br>by Section<br>133(1) (c) | No. of<br>cases of<br>default<br>in sending<br>lists to<br>the<br>Council | No. of<br>prosecu-<br>tions for<br>failure<br>to supply<br>lists | No. of<br>instances<br>of work<br>in<br>unwhole-<br>some<br>premises | Notices<br>served | Prosecu-<br>tions |
| Machinists -<br>Garment<br>Manufacturers | 5   | -   | -  | -  | -                 | -                 |
| Machinists -<br>Slipper<br>Trade         | 29  | -   | -  | -  | -                 | -                 |



# HOUSING STATISTICS

## TABLE XI

(a) NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1968

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| (1) By the Borough of Bacup    | 72 |
| (2) By other bodies or persons | 30 |

(b) TOTAL NO. OF COUNCIL-OWNED DWELLINGS EXISTING AT END OF YEAR 1,571

(c) INSPECTIONS OF DWELLINGS DURING THE YEAR

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 599 |
|--|-----|

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose | 1,636 |
|---|-------|

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| (c) Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit | 233 |
|--|-----|

(2) Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| (a) Demolition Orders, Clearance Orders, or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) | 125 |
|---|-----|

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| (b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made | 1,332 |
|--|-------|

(d) HOUSES DEMOLISHED

|   | <u>Houses</u><br><u>Demolished</u> | <u>Displaced during</u><br><u>Year</u> | <u>Persons</u> | <u>Families</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| In Clearance Areas:   |                                    |  |                |                 |
| (a) Houses unfit for human habitation                       | 32                                 | )                                      |                |                 |
| (b) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.       | -                                  | )                                      | 48             | 24              |
| (c) Houses on land acquired under S.43(2) Housing Act, 1957 | -                                  | )                                      |                |                 |

Not in Clearance Areas:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957 | 1 | - | - | - |
| (b) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health       | - | - | - | - |

(e) UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

|  |   |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| (a) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957. | 3 | 5 | 1 |  |
|--|---|---|---|--|





(f) UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

|  | <u>By</u><br><u>Owner</u> | <u>By</u><br><u>Local</u><br><u>Authority</u> |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| (1) After informal action by local authority     | 66                        | -   |
| (2) After formal notice under Public Health Acts | 26                        | -   |

(g) HOUSING ACT, 1949, AND HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ETC.

Action during year:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| (1) Submitted by private individuals to local authority | 42 |
| (2) Approved by local authority                         | 46 |
| (3) Work completed                                      | 41 |

(h) HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 - STANDARD GRANTS

Action during year:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| (1) Applications submitted to local authority | 24 |
| (2) Applications approved by local authority  | 18 |
| (3) Work completed                            | 19 |



TABLE XII

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

| Class of premise                                     | Number of premises registered during the year | Total number of registered premises at the end of the year | Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year |
|--|---|--|--|
| Offices  | -   | 14   | -  |
| Retail Shops   | 4   | 59   | 4  |
| Wholesale shops, Warehouses                          | -   | 1  | -  |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens | -   | 8  | -  |
| Fuel storage depots                                  | -   | -  | -  |
| TOTALS   | 4   | 82   | 4  |

Number of Visits of all kinds  
(including General Inspections)  
to Registered Premises

... 51

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

| Class of Workplace                         | Number of persons employed |
|--|----------------------------|
| Offices                                    | 92                         |
| Retail Shops                               | 200                        |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses          | 25                         |
| Catering establishments open to the public | 35                         |
| Canteens                                   | -                          |
| Fuel storage depots                        | -                          |
| Total                                      | 352                        |
| Total Males                                | 134                        |
| Total Females                              | 218                        |





EXEMPTIONS Nil

PROSECUTIONS Nil

Number of inspectors appointed under section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act

...

...

4

Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act

...

...

NATURE OF DEFECT OR CONTRAVENTION

|                               | <u>Premises<br/>Inspected<br/>1968</u> | <u>Defects<br/>Found</u> | <u>Premises<br/>re-visited<br/>1968</u> | <u>Defects<br/>Abated</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Cleanliness                   | 1                                      | 1                        | 11                                      | 35                        |
| Overcrowding                  | -                                      | -                        | -                                       | -                         |
| Temperature                   | 1                                      | 1                        | 2                                       | 2                         |
| Ventilation                   | -                                      | -                        | 1                                       | -                         |
| Lighting                      | -                                      | -                        | -                                       | -                         |
| Sanitary Conveniences         | 1                                      | 1                        | 12                                      | 26                        |
| Washing Facilities            | 1                                      | 1                        | 8                                       | 4                         |
| Accommodation for Clothing    | -                                      | -                        | -                                       | -                         |
| Seats for Sedentary Work      | -                                      | -                        | -                                       | -                         |
| Floors, Passages and Stairs   | 1                                      | 1                        | 12                                      | 15                        |
| First Aid, General Provisions | 3                                      | 3                        | 9                                       | 9                         |
| Thermometers                  | 2                                      | 2                        | 6                                       | 6                         |
| Information for Employees     | 3                                      | 3                        | 10                                      | 10                        |
|                               |  | <u>13</u>                |   | <u>118</u>                |

TABLE XIII

UN SOUND FOOD CONDEMNED - 1968

|            |     |                   |
|------------|-----|-------------------|
| Meat       | ... | 38 lb.<br>49 cans |
| Fruit      | ... | 3 cans            |
| Fish       | ... | 2 cans            |
| Vegetables | ... | 4 cans            |



TABLE XIV

Details of animals slaughtered and meat and offals condemned:

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

| Bulls | Steers | Cows | Heifers | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | Total |
|-------|--------|------|---------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| 4     | 151    | 31   | 25      | 1      | 1,426 | 324  | 1,962 |

DETAILS OF OFFAL CONDEMNED

| Heads  | Lungs      | Hearts | Livers | Skirts  | Spleens | Stomachs |
|--------|------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| -      | 4          | 1      | 151    | 1       | 1       | 1        |
| Udders | Intestines | Fats   | Plucks | Kidneys | Feet    | Tails    |
| 1      | 1          | 1      | -      | -       | -       | -        |

CARCASE MEAT CONDEMNED

|                      |     |   |
|----------------------|-----|---|
| Part Carcase Pork    | ... | 3 |
| " " Mutton           | ... | 3 |
| Whole Carcase Mutton | ... | 1 |

Details of animals inspected and condemned:

|   | Cattle<br>excluding<br>Cows | Cows   | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs  |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Number of animals killed  | 180                         | 31     | 1      | 1,426                 | 324   |
| Number inspected  | 180                         | 31     | 1      | 1,426                 | 324   |
| <u>All Diseases except<br/>Tuberculosis</u>                                     |                             |        |        |                       |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned   | -                           | -      | -      | 1                     | -     |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned                          | 36                          | 9      | -      | 124                   | 10    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>diseases other than T.B. | 20.0%                       | 29.03% | 0%     | 8.68%                 | 3.08% |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u>  |                             |        |        |                       |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned   | -                           | -      | -      | -                     | -     |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned                          | -                           | -      | -      | -                     | -     |
| Percentage of number<br>inspected affected with<br>Tuberculosis                 | 0%                          | 0%     | 0%     | 0%                    | 0%    |









